MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) Yes.
(*b*) It has not altered the prior rules in any way.

Gravelling the Valiakarimpuzha-Mannar Road.

372. ***MR. A S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken by the Chief Engineer on my letter dated 4-6-1109 with regard to the preparation of an estimate (excluding land acquisition charges) for gravelling the Valiyakarimpuzha-Mannar road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) A rough estimate of the cost of the work has been ascertained from the Division Officer, Quilon.

Travelling allowances of the Deputy Darbar Physician.

373. ***MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the sanctioned allotment under travelling allowance for the Deputy Darbar Physician, for 1108 ; and

(*b*) the actual amount drawn by Dr. Noble as T. A. in 1108 ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) There was no separate allotment under this head.

(*b*) Rs. 1,695-7-9.

Qualification of Dr. Simpson, Darbar Physician.

374. ***MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyatinkara II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what the medical qualifications of Dr. James Simpson, the present Darbar Physician, are, and from which University or Universities he qualified himself ; and

(*b*) whether he possesses, apart from the degree of general medicine and surgery, any degree or diploma from any recognised University specially qualifying him either in surgery or in medicine, and if so, what ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Glasgow University.

(*b*) No.

Excise Divisions.

375. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many Excise Divisions there are in the State ;

(*b*) how long it is since the present Excise Commissioner took charge of the Department ;

(*c*) whether the Excise Commissioner has inspected all the Divisions ;

(*d*) how many customs houses there are in the State ;

(*e*) how many customs houses there are in the Devicolam Division ;

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